

Great Books for Toddlers

Compiled by the Pleasanton Library
Children’s Staff



Books are shelved in
Toddler Picture Books
or
Children’s Picture Books
(JPB)

by first letter of author’s last name
(unless otherwise noted).

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Baby, Come Away by Victoria Adler

JPB “A”

A bird, a cat, a dog, and a fish each
imagines an ideal day spent with a
baby.



Up, Down and Around



by Katherine Ayres
JPB “A”

A garden produces a variety of edible plants,
such as corn that grows up, onions that grow
down, and tomato vines that twine all around.

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

by Bob Barner
JPB “B”

A nonsense rhyme introduces children to
familiar bugs.



Dini Dinosaur



by Karen Beaumont
JPB “B”

After a day of playing, a young dinosaur
needs help from Mama at bathtime before
being tucked into bed.

Sputter, Sputter, Sput!



JPB “B”

A driver happily cruising in his car
sputters out of gas, refills his tank, and
zooms right out of town.

Little Gorilla

by Ruth Bornstein
JPB “B”

Little Gorilla’s family and friends try
to help him overcome his special
growing pains.



The Going to Bed Book



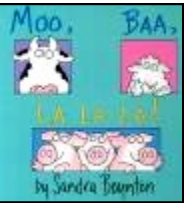
by Sandra Boynton
Toddler Collection

An assortment of animals on a boat take a
bath, put on their pajamas, brush their
teeth, and exercise before going to bed.

Moo, Baa, La La La!

by Sandra Boynton
Toddler Collection

Rhyming text about what animals say.



Goodnight Moon



JPB “B” and Toddler Collection

Goodnight to each of the objects in the
great green room: goodnight chairs,
goodnight comb, goodnight air.

Mommy, Carry Me Please!

by Jane Cabrera
JPB “C”

Various baby animals ask their mothers to
carry them.



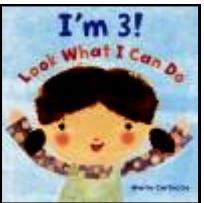
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

by Eric Carle
JPB “C” and Toddler Collection



Follows the progress of a hungry little
caterpillar as he eats his way through
a varied and very large quantity of
food until, full at last, he forms a
cocoon around himself and goes to
sleep and wakes up a butterfly.

I’m 3! Look What I Can Do



by Maria Carluccio
Toddler Collection

Lists all of the accomplishments of a
child who has turned three, from
drinking out of a cup to riding a tricycle.

Sometimes I Like to Curl Up

in a Ball by Vicki Churchill

JPB “C”

Little wombat spends a day doing
favorite things.



Peek-a-Moo!



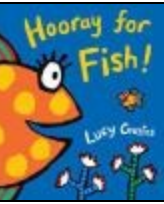
by Marie Torres Cimarusti
JPB “C”

See who is playing peek-a-boo in the
barnyard.

Hooray for Fish!

by Lucy Cousins
JPB “C” and Toddler Collection

Little Fish has all sorts of fishy friends in
his underwater home, but loves one of them
most of all.



Hello, Puppy!



by Jane Cowen-Fletcher

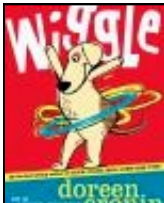
JPB “C” and Toddler Collection

A child spends time with her new puppy,
learning what it means when puppy
yawns, stretches, and sniffs.

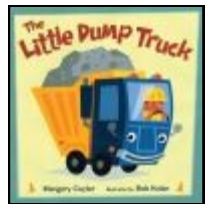
Wiggle

by Doreen Cronin
JPB “C”

Rhyming text describes the many ways to
wiggle.



The Little Dump Truck



by Margery Cuyler
JPB “C”

A happy little dump truck, driven by
Hard Hat Pete, hauls stones, rocks,
and debris from a construction site
to a landfill.

Rrralph

by Lois Ehlert

JPB “E”
The narrator describes discovering how Ralph
the dog can talk, appropriately saying words
such as “roof,” “rough,” “bark,” and “wolf.”



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Barnyard Banter

by Denise Fleming
JPB “F” and Toddler Collection
All the farm animals are where they should be, clucking and mucking, mewing and cooing, except for the missing goose.

Lunch by Denise Fleming
JPB “F”

A very hungry mouse eats a large lunch comprised of colorful foods.

Mama Cat has Three Kittens

by Denise Fleming
JPB “F” and Toddler Collection
While two kittens copy everything their mother does, their brother naps.

Thank You Bear

by Greg Foley
JPB “F”
Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend.

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

by Mem Fox
JPB “F”
Rhyming text compares babies born in different places and in different circumstances, but they all share the commonality of ten little fingers and ten little toes.

Where is the Green Sheep?

by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek
JPB “F” and Toddler Collection
A story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.

Who’s in the Farmyard?

by Phillis Gershator
Toddler Collection
When the rooster crows his cock-a-doodle-doo, all the other animals wake up, too.

Me and Meow

by Adam Gudeon
JPB “G”
A little girl and her cat enjoy a full day of playing together.

Tuck Me In

by Dean Hacoen
Toddler Collection
The reader helps tucks in baby animals at bedtime using pages with flaps to serve as blankets.

Kitten’s First Full Moon

by Kevin Henkes
JPB “H” and Toddler Collection
When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Seals on the Bus

by Lenny Hort
JPB “H”
Different animals — including seals, tigers, geese, rabbits, monkeys, and more — make their own sounds as they ride all around the town on a bus.

Picture This . . .

by Alison Jay
JPB “J”
Pictures and a single word on each page transport readers through the seasons of the year.

Red Green Blue: A First Book of Colors

by Alison Jay
JPB “J”
Characters from nursery rhymes populate this tale, which highlights the colorful aspects of the familiar poems.

Counting Kisses

by Karen Katz
JPB “K”
How many kisses does a tired baby need? Count and kiss along with this bedtime book, now in a sturdy format perfect for the youngest readers.

Princess Baby

by Karen Katz
JPB “K”
A little girl does not like any of the nicknames her parents have for her—she wants to be called by her “real” name, Princess Baby.

Busy, Busy Mouse

by Virginia Kroll
JPB “K”
A mouse rests during the day while the family he lives with is very busy, but when they go to sleep he is the one who has much to do.

Grow Up!

by Nina Laden
Toddler Collection
Rhymes tell what some babies grow up to be.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin
JPB “M”
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

The Construction Crew

by Lynn Meltzer
JPB “M”
A construction crew tears down an old building and builds a new house in its place.

Hide & Seek

by Il Sung Na
JPB “N”
When the animals play hide and seek, Elephant finds everyone but Chameleon, who has hidden so well no one can find him.

Clap Hands

by Helen Oxenbury
Toddler Collection
A group of infants have fun together.

We’re Going on a Bear Hunt

by Helen Oxenbury
JPB “O”
Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

Rattle and Rap

by Susan Steggall
JPB “S”
A family goes on a train ride to the sea.

Clip-Clop!

by Nicole Smee
JPB “S”
Mr. Horse gives all the animals a ride and he goes so fast that they fly into the hay, but no one is hurt and they want to do it again.

This is the Farmer

by Nancy Tafuri
Toddler Collection
A farmer’s kiss causes an amusing chain of events on the farm.

Who Is Driving?

by Leo Timmers
JPB “T”
The reader is invited to guess which animal is driving each of seven vehicles based on how they are dressed, then reveals their destinations and the vehicles’ sounds.

Press Here

by Herve Tullet
JPB “T”
Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create unique images.

Owl Babies

by Martin Waddell
JPB “W” and Toddler Collection
Three owl babies whose mother has gone out in the night try to stay calm while when she is gone.

Itsy Bitsy Babies

by Margaret Wild
Toddler Collection
Rhyming story about things that a baby likes to do.

Trashy Town

by Andrea Zimmerman
JPB “Z”
Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.